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## EDITORIAL

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## What is to be done?

BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT to end the continuing strife in Ulster can be made one basic, simple question must be honestly answered. Yet all too often this question is never even asked.

Put simply the question is this: Are the inhabitants of Ulster essentially one people, a single nation divided only by the quirks and vagaries of religion and the accidents of history?

Or are the Loyalists and Republicans two distinct and different peoples, as distinct and different as the French and the Germans, the Italians and the Swiss, or any other two European countries? In short do the Republicans and Loyalists represent one divided people or two differing peoples?

The assumption made by all the establishment parties is that the former is the case. As a consequence successive Tory and Labour Governments have attempted to "reconcile" what they see as the two halves of a divided community. In practice what this "reconciliation" has amounted to has been a continuous attempt to force the Loyalist community to make ever more concessions to the ever more demanding Republican minority.

### MORE DIVIDED

Yet after seventy years of such policies Ulster is more divided than ever before. The time has now come to accept the fact that the Loyalists and Republicans are part of two wholly separate and irreconcilable national traditions, two traditions that cannot be merged.

Seventy years of being 'British' has not lessened the Republican minority in Ulster's sense of Irish identity; rather it has sharpened and increased it. Similarly the ever present threat of being forcibly incorporated into the Irish Republic has not diminished Loyal Ulster's pride in being a part of the British nation; in fact Ulster has a deeper and stronger commitment to its British identity than exists anywhere else in Britain.

The reality of 'reconciliation' is that one, or both of the peoples in Ulster would have to surrender their national identity, and that is the one thing that neither Irish Republicans nor Ulster Loyalists will ever do. The only ultimate solution to Ulster's problems is peaceful separation, not enforced 'reconciliation'.

Two nations, each with a proud tradition, cannot live in peace on an area of land both claim. Neither will, or should, renounce their national identity and culture. **Thus they must live separately, as *Vanguard* explains in more detail in pages ten and eleven of this issue.**

**COVER DESIGN: Ulster past - Cruthne, legendary ancestress of the Cruthin, the earliest recorded inhabitants of both Ulster and Scotland. Ulster present - 200,000 Loyal Ulster men and women rally in Belfast to demonstrate their indomitable resistance to Dublin rule.**

# JACKSON SUPPORTS THE IRA

**JESSE JACKSON**, the black American presidential candidate, pledged his support for the "liberation" of Northern Ireland at a meeting in May of prominent Irish Republican sympathisers, including some closely linked to the IRA.

At the meeting, held in New York, Jackson said he wanted to visit Northern Ireland and meet representatives of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA.

A report of the meeting appeared in *The Irish People*, a New York weekly affiliated to Noraid - an American organisation which supports the provisional IRA. It carried the news of the Jackson meeting on its front page and published a photograph of Jackson shaking hands with Martin Galvin, a Noraid official.

Galvin achieved notoriety in 1984 when he defied a British exclusion order and crossed the border from Eire to attend a Sinn Fein rally in Belfast. One Republican sympathiser was killed by a plastic bullet when the Royal Ulster Constabulary closed in on Galvin at the rally.

Jackson's aides have confirmed that he said that those who supported the "fight to liberate Northern Ireland" should be brought together in a "Rainbow Coalition" with Black and Marxist activists in South Africa (including the ANC), Latin America and elsewhere.

He also pledged "absolutely" to end the present American policy of refusing to grant visas to IRA spokesmen such as Gerry Adams. Jackson suggested that if he were elected president he would appoint a special envoy for Northern Ireland who would work full-time to put pressure on Britain.

Jackson promised that he would change or revoke the newly revised Anglo-American extradition treaty, which makes it more difficult for IRA murderers on the run to seek a safe haven in the United States.



IRA Supporter Jesse Jackson

Galvin confirmed that Jackson had "certainly made very strong statements" about Northern Ireland. He also said that Michael Dukakis, the Democratic Party Presidential Candidate had made statements that Irish Republicans would find sympathetic, such as publicly endorsing the concept of a 'united' Ireland.

So there we have Jesse Jackson showing his true colours. As is so often the case, those who shout the loudest about "human rights", "peace" and "freedom" are in fact the true men of violence and the supporters of terrorism.

Just as Nelson Mandela is hailed as a champion of "peace" even though he has consistently refused to condemn terrorism or even the horrific necklace killings of his fellow blacks in South Africa, so Jesse Jackson is hailed as a champion of "human rights" when he openly supports IRA butchers and would make America a safe haven for IRA terrorists.

In supporting the IRA, Jesse Jackson has painted himself black. Let the blood of more than 2,000 IRA victims be on his hands.

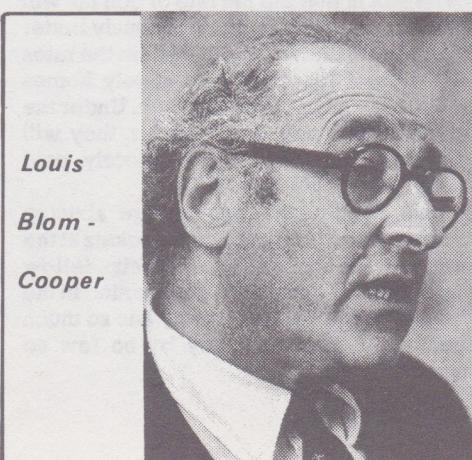
# No Change at the Press Council

ON MAY 24th, Louis Blom-Cooper QC was appointed chairman of the Press Council, the voluntary body which regulates newspaper content. Blom-Cooper has a long record of acting for IRA terrorists, Blacks and Communists, whom he is always ready to defend.

Mr Blom-Cooper will take over from Sir Zelman Cowen at the end of the year.

Needless to say, Mr. Blom Cooper and Sir Zelman have more in common than the fact that they are both lawyers, and it is clear that Mr Blom-Cooper's appointment won't make the slightest difference to the way in which the National Front is treated by the press.

As the saying goes, the more things change the more they remain the same...



# GOODBYE SAILOR

**THE GOVERNMENT** is cutting the Royal Navy, without admitting publicly that it is doing it, according to the editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships*.

Speaking at the launch in London of this year's edition of the authoritative reference book, Captain Richard Sharpe, the retired officer who edits the book, said the Government was allowing the Navy to run down, "but it's all happening under the table".

Ministers say they are committed to maintaining a fleet of about fifty destroyers and frigates. But the average age of the ships will increase if the reduced rate of ordering warships is maintained at current levels.

In the *Jane's* foreword, Captain Sharpe says the Navy can only count on having 28 fully operational destroyers and frigates at any given time. He added at the launch press conference that, if current building rates were maintained, within fifteen years the fleet will end up with thirty-year-old ships.

It is clear from Captain Sharpe's comments that the Government is now implementing its 1981 plan to cut the fleet. That plan was originally scrapped because of the Falklands conflict. Now, however, secretly and with stealth, Thatcher's Government is disarming Britain's Navy to a dangerous extent.

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# A Plague on both their Houses

DURING MAY, MPs in the House of Commons and peers in the House of Lords both abused their power in a way which undermines Britain's claim to be a democratic country. The following articles illustrate that corruption is rife in the corridors of power, both in the Lords and the Commons. It is a plague on both their houses.



## DEMOCRACY ABORTED

AT the beginning of May, Mr David Alton's bill to restrict the number of abortions carried out in Britain was "talked out".

Regardless of the rights and wrongs of Mrs Alton's abortion bill, the process of talking it out exposed both the totalitarian tendencies of the bill's opponents and the undemocratic nature of Parliamentary procedure.

No one will deny that the subject of abortion provokes very strong views amidst all sections of the British people. There are those who talk of "a woman's right to choose" while others talk of "the rights of unborn babies to live".

It is precisely because there are so many strong views on the subject that the issue deserved to be debated seriously in a proper Parliamentary way, and not disposed of (perhaps rather like an embarrassing foetus?) by Parliamentary means.

Britain's Parliamentary democracy is supposedly based on reasoned and reasonable argument, with a democratic decision, based on such argument, ultimately winning the day. If this is so, why does the Parliamentary system allow the sort of scheming, which is designed to stop such proper debate and a subsequent democratic vote taking place, which was witnessed during the passage of Mr. Alton's bill?

Certainly, while anti-democratic elements in Parliament can "talk out" any bills they don't like no true democracy can exist in Britain. Whether one supports Mr Alton's bill to make abortions more difficult or not, it did at least serve to illustrate the shambolic nature of Parliamentary democracy in Britain today.

## LORDS ALMIGHTY

THE GOVERNMENT abused its in-built Lords majority in May when it defeated critics of the poll tax by turning out the second largest number of peers ever seen voting in the House of Lords.

A Tory rebel amendment, aiming to force the Government to relate the poll tax to ability to pay was defeated by 317 votes to 183; a government majority of 134.

The significant fact is that 500 peers turned out, many of them Tory hereditary peers. Normally 200 is considered a large turnout in the Lords. The only vote larger than the poll tax vote was in 1971, when 509 peers voted on entry to the European Community.

### ABUSE

This Tory abuse of the party's in-built majority is made even worse when one considers the huge vested interest which these hereditary peers had in quashing the rebel Tory amendment.

The fact is that the flat rate of poll tax will mean these peers being enormously better off. After all, under the old system the rates bill on their mansions and stately homes would have been relatively high. Under the Government's poll tax, however, they will pay the same amount as a poorly paid worker in a small council flat.

Quite simply, the peers were abusing their powers to line their own pockets at the expense of millions of their fellow countrymen. As someone commented in the wake of the Lords vote, rarely has so much been taken from so many by so few so unjustly.

## AIDS does discriminate

A LEADING international authority on the disease has further emphasised the point, made in *Vanguard* over a year ago, that the Government's "AIDS doesn't discriminate" campaign is "misdirected" because the disease is primarily one of drug-addicts and homosexuals, not ordinary people.

Professor Malcolm Potts, Chairman of the US-based Family Health International, which gets the world's second-biggest AIDS research budget, told medical journalists in early May that "We are not taking action which we should be able to take and which scientific objectivity suggests we should take". The Professor, acknowledged as one of the World's leading AIDS experts, accused politicians in Britain of risking disaster by failing to target the high risk groups.

"We have the health Education Authority saying 'Be careful or you might get AIDS' when everyone knows it is drug abusers and homosexuals who are mainly responsible for spreading AIDS".

As *Vanguard* alleged in mid-1987, Professor Potts confirmed that this misdirected scare campaign was the result of politicians not wishing to offend homosexuals. Although, with AIDS carrying homosexuals "having sexual contact with up to 40 men at parties", as Professor Potts revealed, there'll soon be precious few left to offend!

## JUST ANOTHER 50,000 . . .

A TOTAL of 45,980 people subject to immigration control were accepted for settlement in the UK last year, Tim Renton, the Home Office Minister told the Commons on May 24th.

Figures for the number of illegal immigrants who settled in Britain last year were not available . . .

# Very Wet and Sinking Fast

**SOUTH AFRICA'S** 'wets' are sinking fast!

The disparate groupings on the broad multi-racial 'left' of white South African politics are divided and discredited as never before. The escalating violence and mounting crisis in the country over the past five years has left them irrelevant in the eyes of blacks and whites alike.

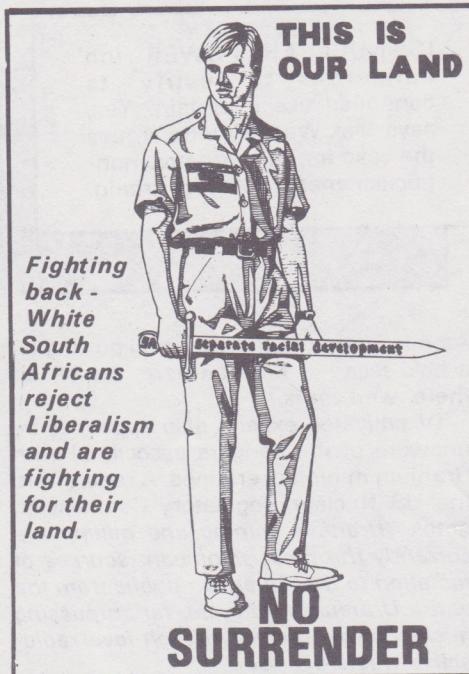
The Progressive Federal Party (PFP) was ousted as the official opposition by Andries Treurnicht's Conservative Party at the last election. It is now demoralised and drifting. Two of those elected for the PFP last year have defected to Mr Malan's National Democratic Movement (NDM) and a third has gone it alone.

### DISILLUSIONED

One such disillusioned liberal is Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert, who resigned as MP and leader of the PFP in 1986. His view is that a non-racial philosophy is untenable within the South African system.

"Within the boundaries of white politics it's a scrap between the Government and the right-wing", says Dr. Slabbert. "That kind of competition is tailor-made for right-wing growth because the issue there is racial outbidding for white security".

Thus, a leading liberal has conceded defeat in the wake of the growth of Afrikaner resistance to black rule. And he is not alone in this defeatist attitude. Many



other multi-racial whites now believe that October's municipal elections could mean the end of the road for liberalism in South Africa.

As the centre ground in South African politics collapses one can hear the immortal words of Aneurin Bevan ringing in one's ears: *We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run over*".

# REDS FINNISHED

**THE FINNISH** Communist Party, which has 16 seats in the 200-seat Finnish Parliament, sacked almost all its Politburo members on May 29th for gambling away at least £3 million of Party funds in Capitalist Stock Market speculation last year.

After the Finnish CP got into debt when a cosmetic "Eurocommunist" populist policy dilution failed to con the Finns into voting for it in the March 1987 General Election, the CP Politburo took out loans from Capitalists to gamble on stocks, shares and horses. At one point, the Finnish 'Party of the Proletariat' owned a fashion shop and a string of trotting horses, as well as being up to its neck in dodgy shares.

They lost the lot in the October Stock Market crash, and now face ruinous debts which could amount in the end up to £10 million, a split, the resignation or dismissal of all but one of the Party's ruling Politburo, and the total collapse of their political credibility.

The latter is heightened by the fact that, whilst the Finnish Communist Party was putting millions into highly speculative Stock Market risk investments and betting on its string of racehorses, it launched a major campaign against what it called "the national casino economy"!

# SOVIETS ECHO NF INDUSTRIAL POLICY

**AS THE** Soviets follow the example of Red China and begin to move away from the outdated and failed policies of Marxist Communism, they are turning not to Capitalism and restoring Stock Markets as the Chinese are but to workers' co-operatives, the radical third way advocated by the National Front. The importance of these co-ops to perestroika was made clear in an unprecedented almost - free debate in the Supreme Soviet in late May.

Amid scenes of open discussion not seen in Russia since the early 1920's, deputies who normally robotically rubber-stamp the order of the grey bureaucrats who have run the Soviet Empire for decades, actually cut a heavy tax which would have borne heavily on the new workers' co-ops. In place of the stifling dead hand of officialdom the Supreme Soviet was urged by Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov to ensure that bureaucrats "did not place obstacles in the way of budding businesses", businesses owned and run neither by the State nor the bosses but by their workers.

Since workers' co-ops were legalised

last year, they have sprung up across the USSR, making everything from jewellery to building materials. Co-operative restaurants and transport services are booming. But until the Supreme Soviet changed the law in late May, State employees - most of the Soviet working population - could only work in co-ops in their spare time. Now all Soviet workers are to be allowed to leave the stagnant State sector and work full-time for themselves in co-operatives they own and whose profits they enjoy, competing on the free market to offer the best service to the public.

Echoing the thinking of Premier Gorbachev, Soviet Prime Minister Ryzhkov told the Supreme Soviet the workers' co-op movement "was not taking off fast enough". Co-operatives, the top Soviet figure rightly observed, have the flexibility to provide food, consumer goods and services which the cumbersome state sector was failing to supply. In effect, there was an admission from the No.2 figure in the Soviet Government, undoubtedly approved in advance by the No.1 (the Soviet system hasn't changed that much), that Marxism

has failed, literally, to deliver the goods and what is, in embryo, Distributism must be set free to do so instead.

The road ahead for the World's most powerful state is far from straightforward. On the one hand, Marxist reactionaries led by key Politburo apparatchik Yegor Ligachev seek to turn the clock back to the grey days of State Capitalism and endless queues and shortages.

On the other hand lies the temptation to which the Chinese seem to be succumbing to replace the shortages and inefficiency of State Capitalism with the mass unemployment, corruption, social divisiveness and cultural catastrophe of Western Capitalism.

Only by holding true to the third path between these pitfalls, to a system which combines workers' power with the free market, to Distributism, can Gorbachev bring the people of Russia and the lands she now rules out of the long night of Marxist tyranny into the daylight of economic and hence ultimately inevitably political freedom.

# KILLING THE NATION?

THE PRESENT DAY established economic system is very heavily profit orientated, and extremely wasteful of natural resources. This is particularly true where energy resources are concerned, therefore it is not entirely surprising that at present our energy demands are almost entirely by non-renewable energy resources.

Due to their internationalist outlook the established political parties in Britain opt for coal, gas and oil to meet the nation's energy demands; and venture into Nuclear power as the energy source for the 21st century, in spite of the dangers to the population and environment.

Is it not a part of Nationalist philosophy for Nations to strive as much as possible for self-sufficiency? Would we not also consider it a Nationalist ethic to pass on to future generations the land we inherited undamaged, in order that they too may enjoy a good quality of life? Therefore it stares us in the face that the established parties have, in the post-war years, pursued an environmentally destructive energy policy, and plan an even more disastrous energy policy for the 21st century.

## CLAIMS

Whilst Margaret Thatcher unashamedly remains committed to nuclear energy Neil Kinnock claims he is opposed to it, but appoints the incorrigible pro-nuclear guru Jack Cunningham as opposition spokesman for the environment. Jack Cunningham is the MP for Copeland, and has the Sellafield nuclear power station within his constituency.

It is not surprising that the TV educated general public was very confident about the Government's energy policy for the future, ie. heavy reliance on nuclear power. This was especially true up to the time of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl: visitors to the plant on April 25th 1986 were assured that the chance of having a nuclear accident was one in 10,000 years - on April 26th 1986 they had one.

When one points out that official sources predict that the uranium supply, the fuel used at nuclear power plants, could run out by the year 2020 the TV educated will be quick to remind you that there is a novel development called 'Fast Breeder Reactors', which will produce more fissile material than they consume, hence there are no grounds for concern.

However people with a more enquiring mind learned from the Sizewell Enquiry Reports about the fast breeder reactor's enormous political and engineering complexities, plus their prohibitive costs. The US cancelled their fast breeder project at Clinch River, Tennessee, whilst the UK

IS NUCLEAR POWER too dangerous to justify its continued use in Britain? Yes, says Max Wagstaff, who argues the case for an alternative non-nuclear energy policy for Britain.

Atomic Energy Authority is still putting on a bold face - a £ billion here, a £ billion there, who cares.

TV educated experts also appear to be unaware of the dangers associated with Uranium mining operations. A report from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission notes "*Uranium mining and milling are currently the most significant sources of radiation to the American public from the entire Uranium fuel cycle, far surpassing nuclear power reactors or high-level radioactive waste disposal.*"

A report from the Australian atomic Energy Commission highlights the incidence of leukemia among White Australian uranium miners - six times the expected norm, and three times the expected norm was found among mill workers.

The main source of radiation from mining, milling and prospecting is the highly radioactive gas Radon 222. Hence it is not surprising that local residents as far apart as the Orkneys, Cornwall and Co Donegal have firmly opposed exploration. Similarly bans on exploration and extraction have been placed in Australia and British Columbia.

## EEC THREAT

At present Uranium mining takes place outside the UK. However since 1980 the EEC has increased its prospecting budget four-fold, and it threatens that any EEC member that does not fully develop its own Uranium resources will be denied access to other sources of supply within the EEC. Ireland, Italy, Southern Germany and many parts of France are being subjected to intensive uranium prospecting. In Britain both Cornwall and the Orkneys are under threat.

Consider also that at the large uranium mining operations at Elliot Lake, Ontario, Canada ten lakes have been declared permanently dead by the Ontario Environment Assessment Board; and remember also US nuclear scientist David Dreeson's words "*Perhaps the solution to the Radon problem is to zone off the land in uranium mining and milling districts so as to forbid human habitation*".

Thus the prospecting, mining and

milling of uranium on any part of the British Isles must be vehemently opposed by any caring and self-respecting Nationalist, because alarmingly high levels of radio-activity enter the environment by these operations, and can be carried for hundreds of miles by groundwater and wind. It would make the British Isles and Europe an extremely unhealthy place for people, and all other living creatures.

On ethical grounds alone it is irresponsible to continue, let alone expand, the nuclear power programme whilst the problem of nuclear waste disposal is not satisfactorily solved. It can successfully be argued that the daily routine discharges of radioactive matter from the Sellafield plant alone, via the pipeline which discharges 2 million gallons a day into the Irish Sea, has made it the most radioactive sea in the world, already causing deaths due to the consumption of contaminated fish.

## 'DEAD SEA'

Due to the cumulative effect of radioactive waste deposits collected at the sea bed, and the very long 'half-life' of many of the deposited substances, and also the increasing number of points of deposition (if the planned expansion of the nuclear power industry goes ahead) the sea around our shores which our future generations will inhabit will be a 'Dead Sea', that will no longer provide wholesome food.

The above considerations must raise the question in all Nationalist's minds, in fact in most people's minds, not only whether we can afford nuclear power and its attendant risks, but also whether nuclear power is really necessary? The UK is rich in renewable energy resources, which at present are not used commercially. We are wasting the country's sun, wind, wave and tidal energy resources, and prepare for future generations a poisoned and inhospitable island.

It is not only this country that is doing it - far from it, the whole Capitalist and Communist world is. In pursuit of vast profit, or surplus value as the communists put it, they use up the world's non-renewable energy resources at an intolerable rate. The forces of internationalism will surely destroy our planet.

Nationalists, and all other ecologically aware people, must work together and implement an alternative energy policy, which does not harm the environment and the population. Such a programme will be a major challenge to the Internationalist's pursuit of vast profit, but it will be far less terrifying than continuing the present haphazard and reckless energy policy. Using the almost-untapped renewable energy resources is bound to be good Nationalist common sense!

# SELLING BRITAIN DOWN THE RIVER

JOE PEARCE

BRITISH industry is threatened by an unprecedented wave of hostile foreign takeover bids following the Government's decision to clear the Swiss takeover of Rowntree.

Virtually every British company with internationally recognised brand names is now considered a possible target for foreign predators.

Cadbury, Schweppes, United Biscuits and Rank Hovis McDougall are thought of as the most obvious targets, but there is also widespread talk in market circles of hostile bids for some of the larger drinks companies such as Allied-Lyons and Grand Metropolitan. Even Guinness, with its dominant presence in the Scotch whisky industry, cannot be viewed as immune to a foreign takeover.

Indeed, Lord Young's decision not to refer the Swiss bid for Rowntree to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is likely to signal a market free-for-all with large chunks of British industry falling into foreign hands.

This fear was echoed by the CBI director general, John Banham, who said that the decision was regrettable "because it could be taken to signal open season on British companies".

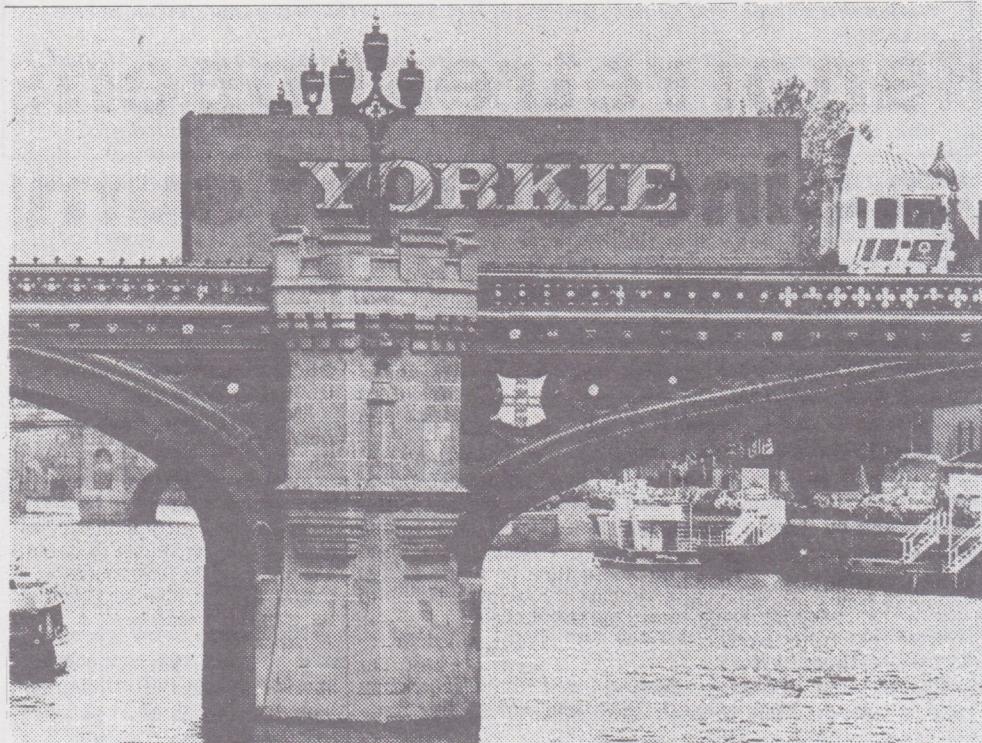
In fact, Lord Young's decision means that Britain is now the easiest place in the industrialised world for an overseas company to succeed with a hostile takeover bid. Across Europe, such foreign encroachment is curbed by Government intervention or, as in compact Sweden, by the presence of a pervasive private shareholder (the Wallenberg family) uniting the industrial establishment.

America now combines national anti-takeover measures with anti-takeover edicts by individual states of the union. In Japan, the nation which provides living proof that protectionism works, hostile foreign bids are unknown. Meanwhile, both Canada and Australia have firm rules on foreign acquisitions. Only Britain, under Tory misrule, provides easy meat for the multinationals.

## NOT SURPRISING

Bearing all this in mind it is not surprising that Lord Young's decision was widely condemned by British companies which fear they might now become takeover targets. One said: "The Government is about to see the domino theory played out before its eyes". Cadbury Schweppes, itself now a likely takeover target, said it was deeply disappointed by the decision.

Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, claimed that every British company was now at risk as a result of Lord Young's decision and he appealed to City



Another 'household name' foreign owned.

investors to think about Britain's long-term interests.

*"We have fought wars to keep Britain independent in the past. Are we now going to sell it all down the river just for money?"* Sir Hector asked.

Whilst Sir Hector's concern about the maintenance of British independence is very heartening to hear, he is naïve if he believes that City investors are in the least bit interested in Britain's long-term interest. On the contrary all that the City is interested in is its own immediate interest.

**It couldn't give a damn about the independence of Britain as a nation, still less does it care about the welfare of the British worker in the wake of foreign takeovers.**

Ultimately, the City's only concern is making a fast buck. This can be gauged by the way that share prices soared to new heights in those companies threatened by foreign takeovers in the aftermath of Lord Young's decision. The City, sitting like vultures, watched eagerly as prices soared in doomed British companies. British companies were now easy meat for foreign multinationals to devour and City investors could smell the financial killings a mile away.

## HEART

Nonetheless, if Sir Hector was naïve in thinking that the City of London possesses even an ounce of patriotism, his words

about British independence got right to the heart of the matter.

Britain has indeed fought wars in the past to keep her independence, and the economic invasion of the British economy by foreign companies is as much a threat to British independence as any military invasion. More so, in fact, because the former is actually happening while the other is only an abstract threat.

Furthermore, Sir Hector also got to the heart of the matter when he asked whether Britain was now going to sell her independence down the river just for money. The fact is that the likes of Thatcher and Lord Young are nothing but the political wing of the City of London.

They worship Mammon and they consider a free market more important than a free country. They are selling British independence down the river just for money. They are overseeing the economic invasion of Britain. They are collaborators and if the invasion was a military one they would be accused of treason. But, as Sir John Harrington summarised:

*Treason doth never prosper:*

*What's the reason?*

*For if it prosper,*

*None dare call it treason.*

The National Front, on the other hand, has never shied away from calling a spade a spade. We call it treason!

# THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE LIFE

JAMES HALL

*THE SUBJECT OF ABORTION has traditionally been a very controversial one within Nationalist circles, and debates on the subject have in the past generated more heat than light.*

*But with well over two million unborn babies aborted since the passing of David Steel's Abortion Act in 1967 the subject is too important to be ignored.*

*Abortion brutalises and dehumanises society and should be opposed, argues James Hall. Readers opinions and comments on the subject of Abortion are welcomed.*

**ABORTION** has been in the headlines recently for David Alton, a batchelor Roman Catholic MP, was trying to cut the length of time during which these operations could be performed.

It was also revealed that Asian women have been disposing of their pre-born female children for social, rather than medical, reasons (contrary to the existing law, let alone any proposed new one). Parliament has been told that they will have to take note of this fact in any revision of the abortion laws, otherwise more than a few Asian doctors will find themselves being prosecuted for procuring abortions - something the 'liberal' establishment strongly objects to.

Those Asian women received a great deal of support from feminist camps that demand abortion as a right and who are outraged at the mere thought of men having a say on the subject. It has to be said, though, that we men do have a right, and one that we should exercise strongly. This right being not merely valuable but actually priceless, since the question of abortion pivots around our whole view of society and each other, men included. After all, how can it be a woman's singular right to choose when it took one of each sex to conceive? As much to the point is the fact that whilst suicide may well be the individual's perogative no such label can be applied to an action that not merely involves at least a second party in the act but further involves a third party as victim.

Apart from unborn female Asians a great many inter-racial conceptions also get terminated, the 40% half-caste population of Dr Barnados bearing testimony to those that don't. Adoption agencies always report that little blonde children go first and the mixed race offspring last (whilst Black children warrant special adverts in the *Guardian* asking for Black parents, in order that they retain their racial identity.) Abortion provides a safety valve without which the multi-racial society would eventually collapse under the onslaught of its own unloved product.

In a healthy society as technologically advanced as ours in matters of contraception, health matters and sexual education there should be no need for abortion. Even unwanted, accidental

pregnancies could be allowed to run full term in the certain knowledge that its outcome will be wanted and loved by someone, and not an embarrassing outcast in a society that is not as liberal as some would wish and others pretend. Overall abortion is quite a factor in the quest for a 'liberal', multiracial society.

Apart from its actual principle there are at least two other areas connected with the whole issue of abortion; one is what abortion could lead to in any society and the other is what it has already led us to in this society.

## TRAGIC RESULTS

Even before legislation there were committed criminal abortions, sometimes with tragic results (no-one I think would dispute this) and this fact is used as an argument for its legalisation. There is, however, a world of difference between a country where murder is committed and one where it is not even considered a crime. It is argued by the pro-abortion lobby that the foetus (that third party) is not actually human, not an individual, at all, though, just a mass of tissue. This opens the door to all those familiar 'viability' arguments, and was the trap that the Alton Bill fell into - it argued not on the principle of life itself but at what stage one was entitled to the protection of that definition.

Individuality is, of course, conferred at the very moment of conception, neither before, nor after, as any basic biology book will readily corroborate. As for viability anyone who is a parent will confirm that toddlers (never mind babes-in-arms) are not 'viable entities' either, nor indeed are geriatric grandparents or even some handicapped individuals. In fact I would be prepared to argue that since none of us is totally self sufficient none of us is truly viable individually. As a single organism it is perhaps a nonsense to talk of viability; humans not being asexual amoebae, it most certainly is in terms of us as a species.

The whole argument, of course, hinges around whether it ought to be possible to dehumanize people in this way. The fact is that at nine weeks old the pre-born individual's organs are all there and working, the liver, kidneys, stomach and brain. It can swallow, digest, urinate and breathe and its heart has been beating

since its 24th day. So make no mistake this is not just cellular material, but a human - not a theoretical one, but an actual one. What tends to cloud the issue is the lack of a distinction in some peoples' minds between a human's legal rights by virtue of their existence alone, which ought to be the same for everyone, and the level of their competence, which clearly cannot. This is the substance of the first point.

## PERFECTLY HEALTHY

97% of all the humans that have had their existence terminated in this country, whilst in the womb of their mother, in the last twenty years, were perfectly healthy unlike those in hospitals, hospices, mental institutions, old peoples homes, those receiving visits from home helps or the district nurse and perhaps even the suicidal thousands that turn to the Samaritans every year. Those unborn humans were also innocent of any crime, unlike prison inmates, and do not willingly take drugs, go mugging, dodge fares or drop litter. So at what point should one cease to be recognisably human in society and become outlaw as a result? If it's okay to dispose of someone because we can't see their face what about the faces we don't want to see?

I have very little time for the argument that handicapped babies are fair game for the abortionist either. If what homosexuals say is true and they are born with their predilections, then would they be happy with the notion that, according to the wishes of the majority, they too were once disposable? What about the Blacks with sickle cell anaemia, or the Asians that develop rickets because of their inherent genetic unsuitability to our overcast skies? How many road accident victims, upon being told that they would never walk again, fancy the idea of being put down at the roadside like a horse with a broken leg? Every individual has the right to choose life, no matter how limited it may seem to the tyrannical mob.

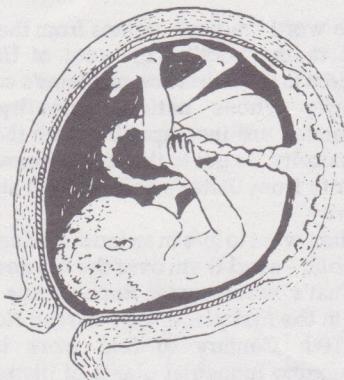
## WORLD CLASS GENIUS

Stephen Hawking, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University and astro-physicist of undoubted world-class genius, is the victim of a disorder that has left him trapped in a wheelchair and barely able to utter an intelligible word. If we are to descend to the level of a herd existence and measure peoples' suitability for life on the basis of their usefulness to the rest of us then how many genetically competent boors would have to be exterminated before it was Stephen Hawking's turn?

Notice that I said the right to choose life and not the right to life itself. I am no bleeding heart liberal that shrinks from the thought of death, or indeed the right of society to impose it upon those that choose to live within society but not act within its tolerated boundaries of behaviour. All murderers should hang, for, although life itself is not sacred, the duty of society to protect the option for it must be, even, paradoxically, to the point of wartime sacrifice (one of the few legitimate reasons for war in my view). The consequences of society's failure to honour this duty are horrific, and this is the substance of the second point; what abortion has led us to so far.

The Flag has already reported that bits of dead children are being embedded in plastic and sold as jewellery. As sick as this seems, however, we can dismiss this as a typical 'bad taste' marketing exercise, wholly dependant upon abortion in the first place. Psychologically speaking these trinkets only sell for their shock value, actually underlining the general unease that exists about abortion.

There are many ways in which money is made from the abortion racket, and there are three aspects to the damage that abortion causes to society.



Firstly it kills a human. Secondly, it brutalises society, and thirdly, almost ironically, it usually injures the prospective mother herself. Apart from any physical damage that might be done there is also the risk of psychological damage (which can be both severe and long lasting) because, as with the race question, the best efforts of the liberal establishment, big business and an apathetic Church have done little to numb our basic instincts and most women do suffer from a large degree of post operative guilt. Bearing in mind the vested interests ranged against her, who could blame the woman for taking the 'easy' way out?

**It is not women that need changing, dare I say, though, nor even just the law, but, our multi-racial, dehumanized, profit mad society itself, boasting (as it does) that the deaths of its most innocent members represent a liberal advance when, in fact, they are one of its most diabolical safety valves and contemptuous expressions of its selfishness.**

## CRIME

# 'RANKING DREAD' - Enriching our Culture!

DO YOU remember a reggae disco hit a few years back called 'Hey Fatty Bumbum'? It was sung by 'Ranking Dread', a black disc jockey. His real name is Errol Codling but he has called himself Michael Dicks, and is known to the Jamaican police as Robert Blackwood, as well as 'Bowark'.

He was born in Trelawny, Jamaica, but fled to America after coming under investigation by the Jamaican Criminal Investigation Bureau for the thirty or so political murders that they believe he committed, including those of two uniformed police officers sent to arrest him. He was charged outright with two of the murders, those of Garfield Brown and Audley Campbell, but was acquitted when principal prosecution witnesses 'failed to materialise'. Even whilst in America he was implicated in an unsolved murder.

This unsavoury character is part of a larger organised criminal movement known as the Yardies; thought to be part of the entourage of former Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley (for whose benefit these political killings were arranged).

The new Prime Minister, is a man who it is in America's interest to keep in power, and it was to that end that America allowed Codling and Co in. Eventually the FBI got tired of their activities, and thus, Immigration Act notwithstanding, the Yardies left America and arrived in Britain several years ago, complete with Israeli-made Uzi machine guns, and other such exotica.

Their activities in Britain have been hardly less genteel. Although fairly well publicised is their involvement in the reggae business, where they have been intimidating disc jockeys into playing just their records, they also control vast prostitution and drug trafficking rings, and have been responsible for a number of cold blooded murders carried out in full public view.

These have included a man being shot through the forehead in Somerleyton Road, Brixton one afternoon, and a fatal stabbing during the Notting Hill Carnival in 1985. Atlantic Lane, also in Brixton, saw a particularly gruesome episode where a car was rammed and its driver dragged out into the road, whereupon he was disembowled and half-dismembered with huge serrated knives. Howling and whooping the assailants watched as the victim dragged himself into a nearby barber shop and died.

There were no witnesses to any of these events, no arrests and no suspects. Codling, who may or may not have been implicated in these particular killings, has successfully kept a low profile, managing to evade the press, Scotland Yard, and even Jamaica's top cop who was sent over to ferret him out. He was apparently last

seen being dumped on the steps of an East London hospital, suffering from a severe beating.

At first the Yardies moved into the North and East parts of London, notably Tottenham and Bethnal Green. However there was more money to be made in richer areas, and they are now concentrated in Notting Hill and Brixton. They practically took over Brixton just after the riots there, not by taking on the authorities there, but by being useful to them.

## BLACK REVOLUTIONARY

A Black revolutionary calling himself 'Spartacus' had set up camp in a large building at the top end of Coldharbour Lane, and his Azanian Peoples Organisation were gaining support in the area. In the end local black youths were helping Spartacus and his crew build street barricades as the building's owners and the police tried, in vain, to evict them.

The Yardies were hired to get rid of them. The gangleader that removed Spartacus personally, at gunpoint, has since himself been shot in Peckham, South London.

The Yardies were rewarded with a free, one year, lease for the building by the grateful landlords, whilst Lambeth Council saw fit to give them a £27,000 grant. When this tenancy came to an end they moved, en masse, into the nearby Moorlands Estate and, with a few stabbings here and there, took over its local drugs trade. The other traders, generally small fry, were simply shipped to the (extremely grateful) local Drugs Squad. The Yardies themselves were never arrested despite several armed police raids that managed to net most of the other dealers (such as the much publicised 'Whispering Eagle' operation).

The Yardies operations are certainly paying off. They already run around in new Mercedes and Rolls Royces, but just like the Mafia in America they have realised that, for crime to pay, the proceeds ought to be channelled into legitimate enterprises. To this end they already own at least one yuppie Brixton wine bar, managed by a well-known local prostitute.

If various rumours are true, and the facts seem to bear them out (and bearing in mind that the local police would probably like nothing better than to round up the whole lot of them and throw them back where they belong) then it seems an inescapable conclusion that there are people more important than the local whore on the Yardies payroll. It goes without saying that the National Front owes them no favours at all, which is probably why, until we get some measure of power, they are likely to remain in Britain.

# ULSTER - What is to be done?

There is an answer to Ulster's problems, argues NF Directorate member STEVE BRADY

**FOR THE PAST** twenty years, the NF's policy on Ulster, like that of all other Loyalist groups, has basically been very simple - SMASH THE IRA! A straight-forward, workable policy: the means to do it exist - ample soldiers, from the UDR and mainland regiments, the RUC and tens of thousands of willing British Ulster volunteers. Only the political will is necessary.

But would that be enough? If the IRA were smashed, would Ulster's agony at last end? The answer, it is sadly a clear no. For the IRA was smashed, when Westminster did not intervene, as it now has, to protect it. In 1922, 1935 and 1962 firm action by locally-controlled Ulster security forces crushed the IRA utterly as an effective organisation. The gun and the bomb fell silent, and a million loyal Ulsterfolk deemed the evil was ended for ever. But it was not so.

After a while, the beast of Republican terror, having crept away for a few years to lick its wounds and nurture a new generation in hate of the land they lived in, unleashed itself anew. Can anyone doubt that this is what would happen again? That, however thoroughly the IRA was smashed today, in some tomorrow a new generation of killers, bred in the ever-growing Republican infestation in Ulster, would unleash terror again?

To argue otherwise, to argue that the IRA springs only from the "legitimate grievances" of the minority at "discrimination" against them by the British majority, is naive folly. The discrimination that of necessity a people had to show against those who would destroy their nation and enslave them was the result, not the cause, of the very illegitimate grievance of the minority - that they did not live, and that their neighbours were not forced against their will to live, in a 32-County Irish Republic. The Republicans were not disloyal because they were discriminated against. They were discriminated against because they were disloyal.

But such measures of self-defence against an internal enemy, even were a British Government to permit Ulsterfolk to resume them, are in the end inadequate. If you simply slam the lid down hard on top of the cauldron and sit on it, the contents will continue to seethe and boil. Pressure will build up, and eventually the lid will blow off in another terror campaign. This would be true even if the contents of the cauldron stayed the same size. But in fact they are steadily growing. That is the big time-bomb ticking away under Loyal Ulster.

The Republican birth-rate in Ulster is much higher than the British one. Moreover, for all the whines about being discriminated against, British standards of living, including social security and job prospects, have always attracted Republicans to move to, or stay in Ulster. As an old Loyalist witticism puts it - "We're loyal to the Crown - but they're loyal to the half-crown"!



**The evil face of the IRA - but to safeguard Ulster we must do more than smash the IRA, we must eliminate the conditions that breed Irish Republicanism.**

The ratio of Loyalists to Republicans has been steadily sliding - from 3:1 in 1922 to 2:1 in 1969 to 1½:1 today. Sometime in the

next 20 or 30 years, it will reach, and pass, 1:1.

Then British Ulstermen will be a minority in their own country and therefore, according to the policy of both Tory and Labour parties, they will be forcibly handed over, "according to the majority will", to the Irish Republic. That is the doom that faces Ulster, inevitably, unless she does something more radical than simply smashing the IRA and keeping Republican hands away from the levers of power. British Ulster will be outbred, and swamped.

**That radical way out of the closing jaws of the population trap which the NF now offers for Loyalist consideration is simple. Resettle the Republicans. Drain the cauldron.**

## ROOT OF PROBLEM

The word "radical" comes from the Latin word radix, "root" - the root of Ulster's problem is the existence on Ulster's soil of a minority whose national identity and aspirations are incompatible with those of the majority. So get to the root - remove that minority from Ulster's soil, while it still is a minority.

If they want to live in an independent Irish Republic - send them over the border to do so. That's where most Republicans came from in the first place: they moved North in the 19th Century to find work in the burgeoning industrial plants of Ulster.

It's also what was meant to happen when the Irish Republic was granted independence in 1921. The Government of Ireland Act, 1920, recognised that there were two irreconcilable national traditions in the island of Ireland: one sought to remain British, the other wanted an independent state.

So a line was drawn, as well as possible, separating the two communities - those who wanted to stay British were on one side, those who wanted Irish independence on the other. People finding themselves on the wrong side of the new Border had the option to move, as many thousands of Irish Loyalists did.

The British community in Ireland, by-and-large, accepted this arrangement, though they would have preferred all Ireland to stay British. The Republicans didn't - they wanted the lot. And their fifth column inside Ulster have tried for nearly 70 years to get it. They can't have it: it's time the 1920 solution was completed, and the Republicans put on their proper side of the Border.

## IDENTIFY

In practice, the resettlement of the Republican community would begin by

identifying them. As part of the NF's general view that nationality is fundamental to identity and not a bureaucratic convenience, all British citizens having actual or potential dual nationality, as the entire population of Ulster as well as persons of Irish descent (like this author!) on the mainland have, would be asked to renounce any loyalty to or citizenship of the other state as a condition of retaining British citizenship.

Those who refused, or gave reason to suppose their renunciation of foreign loyalties was specious and insincere would be stripped of UK citizenship and hence right of abode in the United Kingdom. Their deportation would normally then follow.

Those who remained British citizens would be entitled, under the Bill of Rights the NF demands, to equal treatment with all other Britons, irrespective of religion.

It is not our intent to advocate an onslaught on Catholic Britons or those of Irish extraction. It is our intent to remove from our soil those who are our nation's self-proclaimed bitter enemies.

The removal of around one-third to half a million Republicans from Ulster would be carried out humanely, and the Irish Republic - which is far less densely populated than Britain would be offered economic assistance in resettling them.

With the internal threat gone for good, Republican incursions could only be over the Border, which the Ulster Defence Regiment has the manpower and resources to guard adequately. Other troops could be reduced to normal peacetime levels, thus withdrawing most non-Ulster forces from the Province. Ulster could then be governed as part of Britain, with appropriate devolution according to local desire.

Resettling Republicans lances the festering boil for good. From the point of view of Ulsterfolk, it removes forever the threat of being dragged under foreign rule against their will, and the curse of having to mount guard on a growing, bitterly hostile, subject population who hate them and erupt in periodic bloody revolt. There will be no further "Troubles".

From the point of view of the mainland it ends the apparently unending flow of their young men's coffins back from Ulster, withdrawing their troops without leaving a civil war certain to spill onto mainland streets.

To those Britons who fail to see that Ulstermen are as British as they are, and have given their blood for Britain too, repatriating Republicans can be sold as "if the two Ulster communities can't live together in peace, they must live apart, and then we can bring the boys home". The NF does not share, or admire, this selfish viewpoint, but it is widely held on the mainland, and any Ulster policy must be sold to the majority of Britons who don't live there, if it is ever to become a reality.

## MORE HUMANE

Those who object that such a policy is "inhumane" ought to be reminded that it is a lot more humane than the likely alternative -

# STATEMENT OF POLICY

We reprint below the section on Northern Ireland from the current National Front Statement of Policy.

**NORTHERN IRELAND** is, and must always remain, British. Those people currently resident in Northern Ireland who refuse to renounce allegiance to an independent Irish state and therefore do not consider themselves to be British will lose their British Citizenship and, as a result, their automatic right to live on British soil. This would enable all IRA activists and their supporters to be removed permanently from the UK.

This would not affect the rights of law-abiding people of Irish descent, of whatever religion, who declare honestly an allegiance to Britain from residing anywhere in the UK. Nor would it have any automatic effect on the residence of law-abiding people with Irish citizenship in Great Britain. However, they would not enjoy a right of residence unless they applied successfully for British citizenship and Irish citizens would lose their rights of voting and candidature in all UK elections.

The removal of the IRA and its supporters would, at a stroke, end the strife in Ulster permitting the withdrawal of much of the army from the Province leaving only a peace-time garrison. Operational responsibility for border security would lie in the hands of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

The powers of the local authorities in Northern Ireland would be restored to the same level as in the remainder of the United Kingdom. The degree of regional devolution within the UK would be left to the people of the Province to decide.

With the cessation of hostilities, it would be possible to consider an amnesty for those convicted of offences arising from the conflict. This would not, of course, apply to those convicted of the most heinous offences.

that Westminster despairs and pulls out, leaving a savage civil war in which humanity would be the first victim. If the Republican minority in Ulster are not resettled, then they are quite likely to be massacred, certainly in Belfast, as are Loyalists in border areas. Sending them back is a lot kinder than killing them, which is what present Government policy will end up doing.

Leftists ought to remember that precisely this policy - removal of minorities with demonstrable hostile foreign loyalties - was implemented by the "socialist countries" of Eastern Europe against their German communities after the Second World War. The Republicans in Ulster are no less hostile enemy aliens by choice than the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia, and if one can be repatriated "progressively" so can the other.

In any case, the repatriation of over a million Loyalists to the mainland is exactly what the Republicans themselves openly demand if they will not accept a role as loyal United Irishmen. The IRA can scarcely object on moral grounds to a dose of its own medicine. Repatriation at least allows the Republicans to keep their national identity, as for example the idea that they should become loyal citizens of some "Independent Ulster" does not.

Sending the Republicans back to the

Republic is drastic. But it involves less human suffering, less bloodshed, mutilation and death, than any alternative. It is what will, if civil war comes, happen anyway. But if the Government does it, thousands won't die in the process.

Repatriating Republicans offers the only workable way out of the Ulster impasse. It isn't perfect, it won't make everyone happy - no solution will. No doubt the Republicans sitting in the South will add it to their litany of grievances against the "brutal Brits", to be lamented in drunken song for centuries. But at least they will be alive to do it, as will thousands more who would otherwise die if we simply let the horror go on.

Two nations, each with a proud tradition, cannot live together in peace on one area of land both claim. Neither will, or should, renounce their national identity and culture. So they must live separately. By doing so, they will end forever centuries of war.

For we can, if need be, enforce physical separation with barbed wire and minefields, so neither side can get at the other. The Loyalists, of course, don't want to. For those Loyalists, our people, our kinsfolk, it makes certain that, as they have always wanted and we have always maintained "ULSTER IS BRITISH - FOREVER"!

# THE ANTI-RACIST CASE

TOM ACTON

THE SOCIALIST PARTY of Great Britain is slightly unusual among 'extreme-left' groups. Unlike the shrill rantings of the SWP or the WRP the SPGB in its publications generally attempts to advance its cause through logical argument and reason. Unusually among revolutionary Socialists they have sufficient faith in their beliefs to be prepared to debate issues with their opponents, instead of trying simply to intimidate them.

Thus when the SPGB produce a substantial 88-page booklet *Racism*, which attempts to set out in intricate detail the anti-racist case, it seems only reasonable to treat it seriously and see if it does make a good case against racial nationalism.

Certainly its eighty-eight pages do the anti-racist case justice. An attempt to define race is made, the historical development of 'racism' is reviewed, as is 'racism' in the USA, South Africa and Britain. The booklet concludes with "What is to be done?" - the socialist alternative to racialism. Scarcely a single anti-racist cliché is forgotten as *Racism* warms to its task.

So what does *Racism* say? Is it in fact a damning indictment of the racialist case, something so cogently argued that only the most prejudiced bigot could fail to agree with it? In a word - no. In fact any self respecting racialist reading *Racism* is likely to take comfort from the illogical irrelevance of most of its contents.

The first thing that one notices in *Racism* is a reluctance to properly define terms. This reluctance conveniently permits the anonymous authors to indulge in the luxury of woolly reasoning and irrelevant argument.

Take 'racism' itself for example, defined by the SPGB in a mere eleven words as "the theory that people of one race are superior to another." All peoples and organisations deemed to be 'racist' are assumed to share this viewpoint - including the National Front - and *Racism* devotes itself to a refutation of creeds based on this premise.

Yet this definition is wholly inadequate, as would any definition be that tried to encompass the vast range of racialist theories and beliefs within a single definition. This point can best be illustrated by considering if the term 'socialism' can be given one single definition in view of the wide, and often conflicting, range of policies that have been implemented in its name.

Can one define 'socialism' simply by defining Stalinist Russia: 'Socialism is a system of absolute dictatorship, where people can be exterminated by the million for disagreeing with the Party Leader?' I'm sure the SPGB would be the first to complain if one did.

Yet ideologies based on some sort of appreciation of racial factors are just as



A cartoon from *Racism* - reveals more about anti-racist prejudices than it does about racism.

wide and varied, and any anti-racialist arguments that fail to acknowledge this fact are flawed from the start.

There is for example a world of difference between a racial separatist and a racial supremacist. The former essentially believes that the various races are inherently different, that these differences are to be valued and are worth preserving by means of geographical separation, each distinct people being free to pursue the way of life of their own choosing in their own country.

The supremacist on the other hand does believe that races can be judged by a single standard, and may then, but need not, believe that the superior should rule over the inferior. In fact the latter 'racialist' seeks the creation, not of mono-racialism, but of what are in effect mixed-race societies, albeit ones where there is strict internal social segregation.

Whilst some 'racists' may well be motivated by animosity towards those of other races many others are motivated by the realisation that multi-racialism is a threat to all races, that it threatens humankind's greatest asset - its diversity, and that racialism works for the betterment of all.

A constant feature of *Racism*, and indeed of multi-racial propaganda generally, is to condemn racialists, not for

what they actually believe in, but for what multi-racialists think racialists ought to believe in.

Thus racialists are condemned for basing their belief on the works of 19th century ethnologists, like de Gobineau, works which *Racism* not unreasonably condemns as unreliable and frequently wrong. In fact much of the scientific underpinning of racial nationalist ideology comes from discoveries made in the related fields of genetics, sociobiology, ethology and ethnology over the last twenty to thirty years.

## IGNORE MAINSTREAM

Multi-racialists frequently spend vast amounts of time and effort researching the obscurest and crankiest writings on race in the nineteenth century, and then quietly ignore what is virtually the entire mainstream of modern Western scientific thought, on race and related topics. No prizes for guessing why!

Then there is the claim that 'Racists are obsessed with colour! It is apparently the only thing we are interested in. One wonders why, in that case, we don't accept albino negroes as National Front members, and call for the repatriation of people with sun tans.

In fact racialists recognise that the various races differ in a multitude of ways; skin colouration is only a minor difference (although the sheer **obviousness** of this difference inevitably imbues it with substantial symbolic and practical significance). It is only because ethnic differences are so profound and far reaching, beyond mere skin colouration, that racialists do in fact consider race to be so important.

Indeed it is very noticeable that it is multi-racialists who in order to minimise racial differences, always refer to 'Black' and 'White', rather than say Negro and European. They then accuse racialists with having an obsession with colour! 'Chutzpah' is I believe the appropriate term to describe this.

*Racism's* attempts to show the advantages of racial mixing are hilarious to say the least, and indicate how multi-racialists are forced to ignore reality to justify multi-racialism. Let's see what *Racism* has to say about America.

*"If racial mixing were detrimental to a society, causing it to stagnate or regress, then America would be among the most backward nations in the world. In fact, as we know, it is among the most advanced and high developed - probably the most powerful state in the world."*

It is ironic that "good socialists" like the SPGB should be reduced to praising

Capitalist America to justify racial-mixing - and the SPGB is obviously embarrassed by its own arguments here - but the entire argument is entirely spurious. America is not populated by racially-mixed half-castes; indeed there is a conflicting line of multi-racist arguments to the effect that the White majority dominates the economic, political and military life of the country, excluding the ethnic minorities.

America has in fact one of the largest White populations of any nation on earth thus: the claim in *Racism* that the US "militarily, economically and politically... dominates much of the world" scarcely proves how successful 'racial fusion' is - rather the converse in fact.

### CAPITALIST 'RACISTS'

The constraints of socialist thinking force the SPGB to support some pretty strange conclusions. Chief among them is the old myth that 'capitalism creates and supports racism'. The reality is that capitalism is the most powerful force on earth at present working for the destruction of national and ethnic identities.

In fairness capitalism isn't inherently motivated either for or against racism; it is however motivated to maximise profits. Capitalism has evolved over the last two centuries to its present internationalist stage. The capitalist world is now dominated by giant multi-national corporations, which owe no loyalty to any race or nation, and which perceive ethnic and national identities as a barrier to efficient trade, and global profit maximisation.

Historically this was not always so, of course, and South Africa is a good example. Once it was indeed profitable for capitalism to back apartheid, which in practice guaranteed it a source of cheap black labour. Now however international capitalism has clearly come to the conclusion that it will be more profitable to back Black Africa, and is disinvesting from South Africa as rapidly as possible.

At present, and for the foreseeable future, the inherent dynamic of capitalism - the profit motive - forces it to be actively internationalist and multi-racialist. The SPGB are right to condemn Capitalism, even though they do so for precisely the wrong reasons, since the creed they condemn has done more to advance internationalism and anti-racism than they will ever do.

In conclusion the SPGB ought to be given credit for trying to rationally argue their case. They are at least rather more honest than most multi-racialists. For example unlike some who claim that 'Britain has always been a multiracial society' the SPGB does concede that "The first immigrants - about 500 from Jamaica - came in 1948".

However they are trying to defend the indefensible, and the most ingenious of arguments can scarcely conceal the fact. Nationalists need not lose any sleep fearing that there is any danger of multiracialists winning an argument.

# Fight Back For Britain!

**IF YOU believe in Britain, if you believe in the Nationalist cause, then please give the National Front your active support. Join the thousands of people all over Britain who are working for National Freedom. Remember - the worst Nationalist is an armchair Nationalist.**

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# CHURCHILL - British Bulldog, or Uncle Sam's Pet Poodle?

JOE PEARCE

*"Winston Churchill is a Yank"*

- Hilaire Belloc.

YET another volume of Martin Gilbert's sickeningly sycophantic biography of Winston Churchill hit the bookshelves on May 31st. It was greeted with universal acclaim by critics and media pundits alike who praised Mr Gilbert's work as though it were not just a learned tome but *Holy Writ*; the definitive last word on Britain's war-time Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, as Martin Gilbert gloated in the glory another biography of Churchill slipped onto the shelves almost unnoticed.

*Churchill's War: Volume 1* by David Irving (Veritas 666pp) strips away all the layers of cosmetic surgery which successive 'official' biographers have applied to Churchill's image. To put it bluntly, an historian of considerable repute, washes away the whitewash and reveals the warts of the real Churchill.

To arrive at this real Churchill, Mr Irving had to avoid printed sources and, in the best traditions of a true historian, spent a decade reading the original manuscripts, diaries and archives. For instance, the Official Historian quotes an admiralty officer's diary: 'Winston . . . very tired' - but what the officer actually wrote was 'half tight'.

Also, remember Churchill's radio broadcast about 'fight on the beaches' and 'this was their finest hour'? It was Larry the Lamb - Children's actor Norman Shelley. Thus, the mythographers' representations of Churchill begin to evaporate.

Students of the so-called Special Relationship between Britain and America - a concept unheard of on the other side of the Atlantic - will be surprised to find Roosevelt and his friends dismissing Churchill as a drunken bum. In fact, this candid comment by Roosevelt says it all: 'I have always disliked him since the time I went to England in 1918. He acted like a stinker at a banquet I attended, lording it all over us.'

### FAWNING

However, if Roosevelt treated Churchill with contempt, Churchill showed nothing but a fawning respect for Roosevelt. Indeed, he gave Roosevelt naval bases in exchange for fifty ancient destroyers, virtually unusable, but Churchill feigned gratitude. The truth was that the Americans used Britain's necessity in 1940 to extract the last drop out of us while giving us the minimum in return, scarcely bothering to conceal their sneering and gloating. Some 'special relationship'!

Another invention of Martin Gilbert and the other mythographers who preceded him is that of the fearless Churchill standing



Churchill - very tired?

on roofs to watch the bombing during the blitz. Wrong again.

In fact, Churchill knew when London was going to be bombed and frequently bolted for the country. On the occasions when he couldn't choose a rural retreat from the bombs, his London refuges included Down Street, a disused Tube station. If he stood on a roof, it was because there was to be no bombing.

Irving also highlights Churchill's inconsistency. For instance, in the twenties he had led an anti-Bolshevik crusade and spoke of a Jewish-Bolshevik conspiracy. Less than twenty years later he was working closely with both Ivan Maisky, of the Bolshevik USSR, and Chaim Weizmann, the leader of world Zionism.

In fact, Irving - never one to beat about the bush - goes even further than merely accusing Churchill of inconsistency. He

claims that Churchill took up and dropped causes - and parties - to profit himself. To substantiate the claim he quotes Churchill himself: "I've ratted twice and on the second rat Baldwin made me Chancellor."

### DISASTROUS

As First Lord of the Admiralty, Churchill was to blame for the disastrous Norwegian campaign - our bomber pilots were equipped with a 1912 Baedeker map - which handed Hitler Norway and Denmark on a plate. Paradoxically, Chamberlain was kicked out as a result and Churchill was made Prime Minister!

Irving's conclusions are controversial, though worthy of debate and further analysis. He sees Churchill, conspiring with Czechs, Russians and Zionists, promoting war against Hitler to get himself into power and out of debt. Furthermore, Irving believes Churchill worked to keep the war going when it could have been stopped.

Whether one accepts all of Irving's conclusions or not, the fact remains that *Churchill's War* is thought provoking and a mine of new information. It is certainly far better than Gilbert's rehashed whitewashing of Churchill's life and career. nonetheless, Martin Gilbert's mythical melodrama has the momentum of the media machine behind it while David Irving's hard-hitting and well-researched biography hasn't even a mainstream publisher behind it. The result of course is that many more will read Gilbert's fiction than Irving's fact.

Thus, the popular image of Churchill as the personification of the defiant British bulldog will be perpetuated. In reality, however, Hilaire Belloc's derisive dismissal of Churchill as a Yank is closer to the truth. Far from being the archetypal British bulldog, Churchill was more like Uncle Sam's pet poodle.



CHURCHILL'S  
WAR  
David  
Irving.

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# SHARKEY'S END



**King  
of the  
Jungle  
Siaka  
Stevens**

**SIAKA STEVENS** - better known as "Sharkey" - who died on May 30th at an unknown age (around 80, but even he didn't know how old he was) was typical of the modern Black African statesman.

A semi-literate railwayman of mixed tribal origin, he became Prime Minister in one coup, President in another, held a rigged election, declared his country, Sierra Leone in West Africa, a one-party state, amassed a vast fortune by corruption while his people starved and the economy collapsed, and ended his days under house arrest accused of plotting a coup against his successor.

Sharkey started his political career when Britain handed Sierra Leone back to the jungle (officially granted it independence) in 1961 sitting in a London jail on sedition charges. Released 'so as not to offend African opinion', Sharkey split the Peoples' Party of the respectable besuited Negroid, Sir Milton Margai, to whom Britain had, as usual, given a flag (garish), a constitution (unworkable) a national airline (unsafe) as well as an army (uncontrollable).

But Sharkey lost the first of Sierra Leone's two (sort of) free elections, and had to sit around learning the art of corruption as Mayor of Freetown, the capital, until in 1967 he won the second and last free-ish election. The army promptly seized power and Sharkey had to flee the country (to Britain - where else!)

## CAUGHT BY THE PRIVATES

In April 1968, the Army privates staged a coup against their officers who had staged the first coup. Being a police or army officer was made a criminal offence and anyone above the rank of private or constable was promptly locked up. Chaos set in, and so the privates invited Sharkey back to be Prime

Minister. In 1971, after several coup attempts against him, Sharkey asked the neighbouring Black dictatorship of Senegal if it would be so kind as to invade him to rescue him from his own army. They obliged, and with Sengalese troops patrolling the streets Sharkey 'amended the constitution' to make himself President.

In 1973, Sharkey held a 'General Election' in which his ministers staggered drunkenly around Freetown waving guns at opposition candidates, of whom there were few at the start of the campaign and fewer at the end. This was Sharkey's last dabble with 'democracy' and in 1978 he proclaimed himself President for Life of a one-party state. He retired in 1985 and was promptly arrested by his successor, Armed Forces Commander and current dictator Joseph Momoh, for 'plotting against him' (which will be a lesson to Black Statesmen who retire!).

On the economic front, Sharkey managed to convert a struggling Third World economy into a collapsed Third World economy. Graft and corruption reached ludicrous proportions, as any hapless visitor arriving at Freetown Airport immediately discovered. "Passport Control" consisted of handing over the necessary documentation - a large-denomination US or British banknote - to the scowling Negrid on duty, whereupon all was smiles and the "honoured guest" was ushered into Sharkey's Kingdom. Failure to thus "dash" any official, however minor, brought a good kicking and deportation.

Sharkey himself amassed a fortune in Swiss bank accounts and built himself a huge mansion overlooking Freetown, where starvation was rife as unemployment approached Sharkey's apparent target figure of 100%. By the closing years of his reign, Sharkey's only popular support came from the handful of rich Levantines who ran the country's only thriving industry - the black market.

Nonetheless, by Black African standards, Sharkey was a success. He held onto power for 17 years, almost an African all-comers' record, foiling coups, shooting plotters, dodging assassination attempts and, for much of his reign, preventing his army from staging military coups by the simple expedient of taking all its guns away.

As such, he was honoured by his fellow Black statesmen by being elected as Chairman of the Organisation of African Unity. He also enjoyed another perk of being a corrupt Black tyrant denied to White South Africans - a seat, and vote, at the United Nations, from which to whine about "White racism". However, Sharkey Stevens never enjoyed the one honour he truly deserved - a seat at the Chimpanzees' Tea Party. He will not be missed, and there are plenty more "Black Commonwealth statesmen" where he came from.

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WOMAN'S

PLACE?

A new book on the subject of feminism, *The Spectacle of Women* by Lisa Tickner, sheds an interesting light on the Suffragettes which distinguishes them from today's women's libbers.

Far from rejoicing in the masculine image of women in hob-nail boots being bundled away by policemen, an image which many modern-day women's libbers wallow in, the Suffragettes did their utmost to counteract this unkind caricature.

For instance, in a bid to soften their image, campaigners produced a series of postcards entitled 'The Suffragettes at Home'. These postcards depicted well-known Suffragettes doing 'womanly' tasks, e.g. Mrs How Martyn Makes Jam, Miss Agnes Leonard cooking a Vegetarian Meal etc. Even the terrifying old Charlotte Despard, the leader of the militant Women's Freedom League got in the act with 'Mrs Despard knits a Comforter'.

Likewise, according to Ms Tickner's book, banner making always galvanised team spirit and there was also a feeling that if the banners were well stitched, the onlookers would regard the marchers as 'more feminine'.

## APOLOGY - Mr. Harry Bidney

In a previous issue of *Vanguard* we stated that *Searchlight* hero, and leading "anti-fascist" activist Harry Bidney (deceased) had been convicted of "disgusting offences involving young boys in 1978."

This was untrue and we unreservedly retract this suggestion. Mr. Bidney was in fact convicted of disgusting offences involving young boys in 1977. We apologise to Mr. Bidney's family, friends, lovers etc for any distress this may have caused, and promise to print the whole truth, with lots of juicy details, in our next issue . . .



# The President and the Chicken Entrails . . .

OVER THE last few weeks everyone has been having a good laugh at Ronnie Reagan's wife, Nancy, taking the advice of professional astrologers before letting him loose in the world. Every newspaper and television station carried the same line - how stupid, how primitive, how inappropriate, that anyone should take such mumbo-jumbo seriously when directing the affairs of State!

What no journalist has pointed out to the guffawing masses, however, is that a great many 'modern' Third World states are run along exactly the same lines.

Thailand is one such country. It has a population roughly the same size as ours, imports and exports both raw and processed materials, and its capital, Bangkok, is one of the capitalist lynchpins of the Far East. Its politics are also decided by recourse to full-time astrologers and fortune tellers.

In an attempt to censure the country's Prime Minister, Prem Tinsulanonda, opposition politicians of the Prachakorarn Party enlisted the aid of an astrologer to decide when to submit their no-confidence motions. They were told that he would 'certainly' be ousted if a motion were submitted at the 'right' time said a party leader, Samak Sundhavej.

It's not just astrologers, though, that are on overtime deciding the country's future. Sombat Roopradit, a leading palmist, is on record as saying that his clients, some of Thailand's top politicians, celebrities and businessmen, consult him out of a fervent and genuine belief in these sort of mystic oracles.

The steep fee he charges, about £30 an hour, doesn't seem to deter them much, for he turns a great many away, not needing

the extra business. At the last count there were the personal details of over 17,000 such clients on his computerised files. Nor does a lack of confidentiality seem to worry them either. His predictions and analyses of top Thai's palms can be read in the pages of the national press, alongside those of the astrologer's and chicken entrail inspector's; the fates of the country's rulers being discussed just as much as their actual actions.

### MAJOR FACTOR

Superstition itself, pure and simple, is also a major factor in the political life of the country. It is widely believed that salt, chillies and peppers give an added impact to words. Well they would, I suppose, if you stuck your face within inches of someone who had just eaten them, but that's not quite what the Thai's have in mind.

A member of the same opposition Party that applied astrological precepts to its plan of action was caught one night, last year, sprinkling salt around the corridors of the parliament building. It was reported that he was hoping to make his speeches more effective. Another member set off the fire alarms with a pan of smouldering chillie and pepper paste that he had spent hours grinding up in a mortar and pestle the day before. Nor is it just the elected government members that are prey to this sort of behaviour.

The former Chief Clerk for the whole of Bangkok City District, one Samerjai Pumpuang, claimed that enemies were trying to harm him with witchcraft. He said that he had fallen ill for days after finding human bones hidden under a Buddah statue in his office. At vast public expense he had a closed circuit television system

installed, and, just to be on the safe side, also called in an Indian monk to exorcise any lingering evil spirits.

If these were just internal matters we could perhaps afford to laugh, but there is a more worrying side to all this. The Thai army chief, General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, is also one of Sombat Roopradit's customers. Roopradit said on one of Thailand's most influential popular magazines that a reading of the lines on the old soldier's hand revealed that the General has a 90% chance of becoming Prime Minister next year. Faced with such, er, overwhelming evidence it seems likely that the public will be psychologically dragooned into accepting it *fait accompli*. On this basis the General will then have an equal vote with Britain in the United Nations.

### CENTRE

'Newly emergent' nations, like Thailand, spend a great deal of money on modern armaments, are at the centre of many of the world's present trouble spots, and generally control a great many of the minerals and resources that our present economic system depends on. Their individual customs, superstitions and traditions seem unchangeable, even with the importation of Western technology and all the trappings of a modern state.

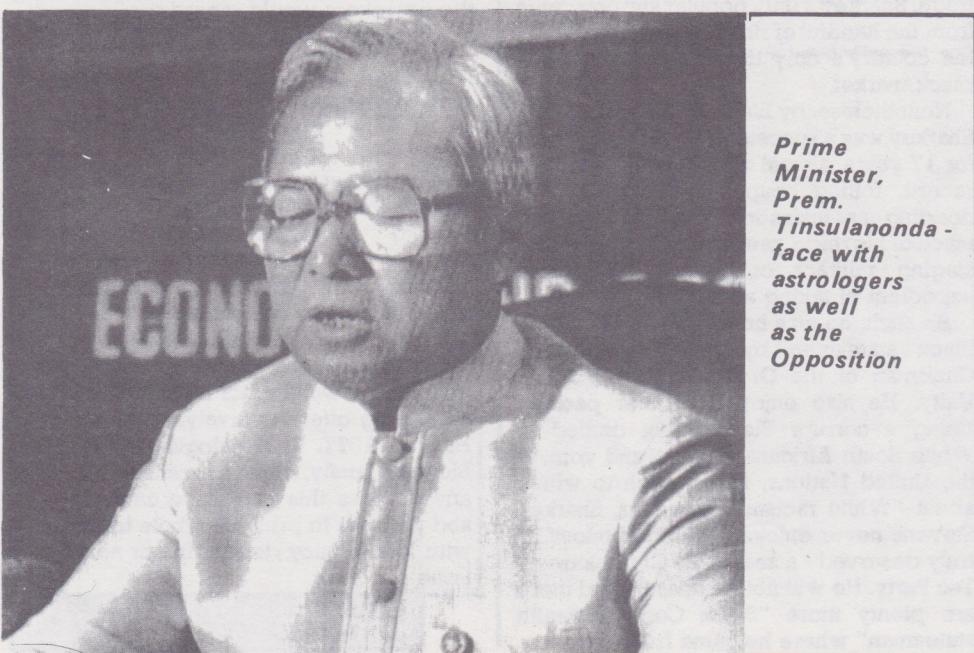
It might be thought desirable to somehow impose Westernism more firmly upon them militarily, but this has already been tried by communist regimes and found wanting. Another way could be to recognise this incompatibility and so just deny them any effective say, but this was the situation that the British Empire found itself in and which also failed.

Apart from the questionable wisdom, then, of expecting their change there is also the morality, and even more questionable wisdom, in demanding it, to consider.

This makes the choice for us totally clear. We can take a chance that they will behave in a way we can comprehend, and therefore react to accordingly. In doing so, though, we hold ourselves forever hostage to their superstitions. Or we can withdraw from the whole idea of one-worldism and so take our destiny into our own hands.

Without our all-powerful, all pervading influence the likes of Thailand will revert to their own naturally evolved ways and customs, the veneer of Westernism rapidly peeling away and we, on the other hand, will be freed from the tyranny of their cultural baggage. The only cost to us in all this would be the 're-adjustment' of our capitalist economy - something that most of us can't wait for anyway.

JAMES HALL



Prime Minister, Prem Tinsulanonda - face with astrologers as well as the Opposition

## BOOK REVIEW

# COOKING THE HISTORY BOOKS - KOSHER STYLE

**Who controls the present controls the past, who controls the past controls the future.**

**George Orwell.**

**Zionism - For forty years it has dealt death to Palestinians, whilst blaming the victims for their plight.**



COOKING the history books has been a major preoccupation of Zionism over the past forty or so years. This being so, it is always encouraging when honest and conscientious scholars expose this tampering with the truth. Two such scholars are Edward W. Said and Christopher Hitchings who have edited a book entitled *Blaming The Victims: Spurious Scholarship and the Palestinian Question* (Verso 300pp £24.95).

This book exposes pro-Zionist scholarship as being intent on cynically suppressing Palestinian history so as to perpetuate the Zionist myth of "a land without a people for a people without a land". The collection of essays is unified by its concern to demolish the distortions and myths, clearing the way for the reconstruction of a Palestinian history in the wake of the Zionist demolition job.

### DISHONEST JOURNALISM

The first half of *Blaming The Victims* is devoted to a ruthless exposé of fraudulent academic work and dishonest journalism. The principle target of this sustained critique is Joan Peters's *From Time Immortal*, which since its first publication in the United States in 1984 has received much acclaim and endorsement from prominent American intellectuals, though it was almost universally ridiculed by British reviewers.

In a nutshell, Peters juggles some highly questionable figures in order to 'prove' that the people now referred to as Palestinians were in fact illegal immigrants attracted by the growth economy generated by Jewish

settlers (the Jews, it seems, were not immigrants but settlers!).

However, Edward Said and Norman Finkelstein demonstrate that there is not a shred of reliable analysis or academic integrity to be found in Peter's thesis.

Furthermore, Christopher Hitchings also exposes the groundless, but often repeated, allegation that the Palestinians were ordered by their own leaders to evacuate their homes, thus making themselves voluntarily landless refugees.

As befits this book, the critique of pro-

Zionist scholarship is concluded by an emphatic affirmation of Palestinian and pro-Palestinian scholarship. For instance, Raskid Khalid reclaims the history of Palestinian peasants and their struggles before World War I in a interesting essay towards the end of the book.

The honest student of history will not be surprised by anything which appears in *Blaming The Victims*, but it is, nonetheless, an important gesture towards justice and a sane political future.

### TISSUE OF LIES

However, and here's the rub, *Blaming The Victims* is unlikely to be reprinted as many times as the tissue of lies, *From Time Immortal*. The reason is simple. The enormous US subsidy of Israeli military expenditure has been matched by a corresponding subsidy of 'spurious scholarship'. The production of disinformation - in academic research, foreign policy study, in print and on television - reproduces and enforces Israeli persecution of the Palestinians.

The Zionist distortion machine knows only too well the truth inherent in Orwell's words. Zionism, far from being the persecuted, is the persecutor. It is Big Brother in an underdog's clothing.

Those who desire freedom from Big Brother's yoke can ill afford to underestimate the importance of historical revisionism. Quite simply, the battles of history are still being fought today.

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### DECLARATION OF WAUGH

Dear Sir,

I was interested, not to say amused, to read an irate letter in a recent edition of The Independent by Hesham El Essawy.

Mr Essawy, who rejoices in the title of Chairman of the Islamic Society for the Promotion of Religious Tolerance in the UK, was somewhat put out by an article by Auberon Waugh which had appeared in an earlier edition of The Independent.

Apparently Mr Waugh had described Islam as an oppressive religion that is even more dangerous than AIDS. What is more, much to the chagrin of Mr Essawy, Mr Waugh went on to call for a fifth crusade in order to "force a little good Christian alcohol down the infidel throats of the Saudis".

Not surprisingly, Mr Essawy was a little put out by this declaration of Waugh against his religion. However, for my part, I couldn't help but

ponder on how a certain Mr Holland would react to Mr Waugh's article.

Those with short political memories may need reminding that Mr Derek Holland was once, until about two years ago, a member of the National Front's Directorate. He was, like Auberon Waugh, a hard-line orthodox Roman Catholic. He was also, unlike Auberon Waugh, an outspoken champion of Islam, the Ayatollah, Colonel Gadaffi et al. As a Christian who has nailed his colours to the Islamic mast, one wonders what side he would be on if Mr Waugh's dream of a fifth crusade became a reality.

It was said by Pope Alexander VI that "the throw of the dice of history makes strange bedfellows". Indeed that may be so. It seems, however, that Mr Holland, suffering as he does from spiritual schizophrenia doesn't quite know which bed he belongs in!

Yours sincerely,  
Joe Pearce,  
Norwich.

### THANKS

Dear Editor,

May I express through Vanguard my thanks to the South West Region of the National Front for a highly enjoyable and constructive weekend at the recent Nationalist Summer Camp. Special thanks of course

to the Torbay NF Organiser Mark Cotterill, for keeping his wits about him (just) through some extremely nasty (but usual) English weather! Without doubt a credit to the National Front.

Race & Nation,  
Steve Wilcox,  
Cardiff.

### TORY REJECTION

Dear Editor,

Hornsey and Wood Green Conservative Party rejected a proposal by an ex-soldier member to have capital punishment brought back for IRA killers. The motion was designed to influence Conservative MPs in the Commons debate on hanging.

It was defeated by 14 votes to 7; opposition being led by Councillor Hall, leader of the Tory opposition on Haringey Council.

The ex-soldier, Neil Rostron, who had himself been wounded in action and had completed four tours argued that British policy in Ulster was a failure. He proposed a ban on Sinn Fein.

He said- "It is unfair to expect young British lads to put their lives at risk out there when their lives are tied behind their backs".

Mr Rostron: you are wasted in your party.

Yours sincerely,  
Kelvin Sanderson,  
N London.

## MUSIC SCENE

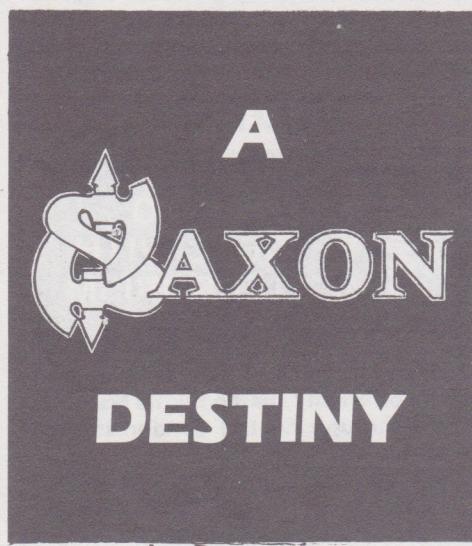
**SAXON**, despite the criticisms and perhaps wishes of the critics in the music press, have proved one of the most successful British Heavy Rock bands in the current Rock scene.

Their latest album 'Destiny', released at the end of April shortly before the start of their British tour, is another fine piece of recorded work from the band.

The opening track 'Ride Like The Wind', a re-worked Heavy version of the Christopher Cross song works well as a Heavy Rock song. Biff Bruford's strong vocals and the excellent guitar work of Paul Quinn and Graham Oliver really drive the song along.

Aside from the Rock-anthem style songs such as 'Where The Lightening Strikes' and 'We're Strong', there are songs with a more serious tone to them. 'Calm Before The Storm' deals with the anxiety and problems caused by rising unemployment, and the destruction of people's livelihood by the collapse of traditional home industries.

'My father used to work the seam,  
Far below the ground.'



by Bob Nash

Digging for the coal, to melt the steel,  
But now he stands a lonely man,  
Idle and forlorn,  
Just like the iron wheels,  
That took him down . . .

The song 'For Whom The Bell Tolls' on side two of the album, calls for an end to the Berlin Wall, and an end to the divisions between West and East Germany,

'A city divided,  
The West and the East,  
Tear down the walls,  
And give them release . . .'

' . . . The toll of the bell,  
Is Liberty's song,  
A city united,  
Is where they belong . . .'

Finally the last track on the album, 'Red Alert', deals with the Chernobyl nuclear disaster expressing the fears that exist over the safety of such old nuclear reactors still in use.

As with Iron Maiden's 'Somewhere In Time' album, Saxon have now introduced the use of the occasional synthesizer and guitar synthesizer effects on 'Destiny' to complement rather than drown the band's music. The guitar work on the album is particularly outstanding, and I strongly recommend the album to all lovers of good Heavy Rock.

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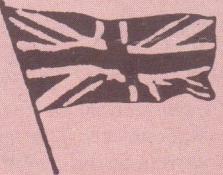
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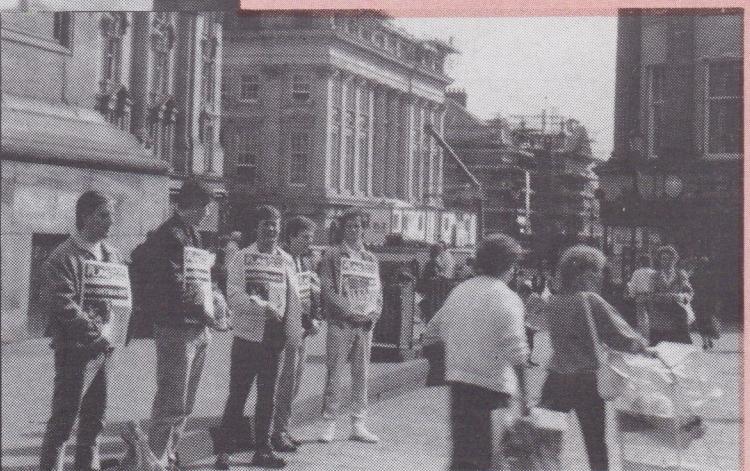
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